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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 10 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2010, Arizona had 251,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 10 percent from a year ago but up 5 percent from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during October, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During October, 20,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4,000 head from last year.

On November 1, 2010, California had 445,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5 percent from last year but up 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 65,000 head during October, 8,000 head more than last year. During October, 48,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.50 million, 1 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.44 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 640,000, 700-799 pounds were 514,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.73 million, 1 percent below 2009. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during October, 5 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Nov 1, 2009	Oct 1, 2010	Nov 1, 2010			During October			During October			During October 2/		
			Number	as % of 2009	as % of Oct	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	279	240	251	90	105	29	32	110	24	20	83	1	1	100
CA	470	445	460	98	103	57	65	114	50	48	96	2	2	100
CO	1,040	1,000	1,090	105	109	245	270	110	160	170	106	5	10	200
ID	210	200	215	102	108	50	53	106	44	37	84	1	1	100
IA	540	570	610	113	107	123	142	115	100	100	100	3	2	67
KS	2,330	2,330	2,400	103	103	465	435	94	340	350	103	15	15	100
NE	2,400	2,220	2,420	101	109	620	580	94	380	370	97	10	10	100
OK	375	370	385	103	104	83	80	96	60	63	105	3	2	67
SD	205	205	230	112	112	65	70	108	54	44	81	1	1	100
TX	2,730	2,640	2,820	103	107	610	640	105	465	445	96	15	15	100
WA	155	177	192	124	108	38	52	137	29	36	124	1	1	100
Oth Sts	400	382	414	104	108	89	85	96	49	51	104	2	2	100
US	11,134	10,779	11,487	103	107	2,474	2,504	101	1,755	1,734	99	59	62	105

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in October 2009.

Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.4 million pounds, 7 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,400 head, down 15 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.73 million head, down 6 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,300 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 1 pound from October a year ago.

January to October 2010 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as % of 2/	
				October 2009	September 2010
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	27,600	32,300	31,200	113	97
United States					
Beef	2,275.7	2,252.9	2,237.8	98	99
Veal	12.2	11.3	11.4	93	101
Pork	2,089.0	1,883.3	2,002.9	96	106
Lamb and Mutton	14.3	13.1	13.1	92	100
Total Red Meat	4,391.2	4,160.5	4,265.2	97	103

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - October 2010 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - October			January - October		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	445.5	571.794	1,289	28,470.8	36,166,168	1,275
	1.3	311	244	90,361.1	24,483,139	271

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2009-2010 1/

State	All Hired Wage Rates		Hours Worked	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Northern Plains 2/	11.08	11.83	39.8	43.0
Southern Plains 2/	10.30	10.12	39.9	40.3
Mountain I 2/	10.36	10.49	42.3	43.1
Mountain II 2/	10.72	11.30	41.0	42.3
Mountain III 2/	10.45	10.32	46.3	45.5
CA	11.14	11.24	43.2	43.0
US 3/	10.83	10.95	39.4	40.1

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX - Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY - Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT - Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.

October Milk Production up 3.3 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009, but unchanged from September 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	166	183	1,840	1,825	305	334	9.5
CA	1,767	1,747	1,815	1,915	3,207	3,346	4.3
CO	116	122	1,920	1,975	223	241	8.1
FL	113	113	1,230	1,280	139	145	4.3
ID	546	571	1,870	1,910	1,021	1,091	6.9
IL	101	98	1,550	1,560	157	153	-2.5
IN	168	169	1,680	1,710	282	289	2.5
IA	215	204	1,690	1,725	363	352	-3
KS	112	121	1,750	1,750	196	212	8.2
MI	355	360	1,860	1,895	660	682	3.3
MN	469	470	1,580	1,575	741	740	-0.1
MO	105	97	1,170	1,180	123	114	-7.3
NM	317	318	2,020	2,055	640	653	2
NY	614	611	1,640	1,725	1,007	1,054	4.7
OH	276	270	1,540	1,580	425	427	0.5
OR	114	121	1,615	1,695	184	205	11.4
PA	539	541	1,600	1,640	862	887	2.9
TX	413	415	1,720	1,775	710	737	3.8
UT	83	85	1,780	1,790	148	152	2.7
VT	134	139	1,495	1,480	200	206	3
VA	95	95	1,475	1,485	140	141	0.7
WA	240	254	1,940	1,965	466	499	7.1
WI	1,258	1,264	1,675	1,680	2,107	2,124	0.8
23-State Total	8,316	8,368	1,720	1,767	14,306	14,784	3.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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November Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.6 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 9 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, lettuce, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, apples, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and corn offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (17 percent) from November 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, increased 3 points (2.0 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (14 percent) from November 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 188 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) from October and 10 points (5.6 percent) above November 2009. Higher

prices in November for complete feeds, nitrogen, and supplements more than offset lower prices for other services, feeder pigs, and hay & forages.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, November 2009 and 2010 and October 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2009 Entire Month	October 2010 Entire Month	November 2010 Mid-Month	November 2009 Entire Month	October 2010 Entire Month	November 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.595	0.781	0.801
Cottonseed 2/	\$Ton	177.00	1/	212.00	159.00	158.00	163.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.59	4.97	6.14
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	105.00	125.00	125.00	109.00	118.00	117.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	39.90	42.70	41.50	41.80	43.00	43.70
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	43.00	57.00	56.00	41.70	52.70	51.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	86.00	97.00	99.00	85.40	98.80	100.00
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	58.50	76.60	77.10	79.60	93.10	94.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	98.00	112.00	118.00	104.00	120.00	122.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.40	17.80	17.80	15.40	18.50	17.90

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh. Net lbs. per box: 76.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

7/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	134	136	155	159
Prices Paid	177	178	186	188
Ratio 1/	76	76	83	85

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.